

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12 are pending. Claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the February 28, 2006 telephone interview between Applicants' representative and the Examiner. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12 were allowable. In view of this indication by the Examiner, Applicants have cancelled claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Cheng et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,892,175). Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in view of the February 28, 2006 telephone interview with the Examiner and the cancellation of claims 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13.

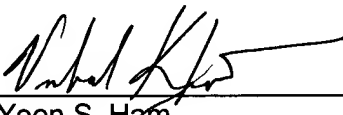
Conclusion

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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